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## "Faceless Voices From The Choir Loft"

Joan Fuerstman

Our second faceless voice from the choir loft, Joan Fuerstman, was born and grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. Although her parents were affiliated with the Reform temple in Charlotte, Joan's maternal grandfather was one of the founding members of one of the first Conservative synagogues there.

As a teenager in a relatively small city, Joan was active in programs sponsored by both the Conservative and Reform synagogues, such as B'nai B'rith Girls and NFTY. Her introduction to liturgical music came at an early age at Temple Israel (Conservative) where she often participated in the youth services and was involved in musical programs to which she lent her mezzo-soprano voice.

After high school, she went to the University of North Carolina, at Greensboro, where she obtained her B.M. degree in voice. Her professional singing career began while she was in college, after she won the North Carolina Symphony Young Artist Award. Then, after graduating, with a full two year scholarship to the Manhattan School of Music, Joan came to New York City and earned her Master of music degree there, studying with Rose Bampton. Thereafter, she won a fellowship to the Tanglewood Summer Music Festival where she studied with Phyllis Curtin.

In fact, it was when she first came to N.Y. that Joan first met Abraham Kaplan, conductor for our liturgical music services, and worked with him as a soloist when he was with Leonard Bernstein and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

Before coming to the Park Avenue Synagogue as a soloist in 1983, she sang at Temple Israel in Great Neck, N.Y. where Richard Tucker belonged before his death, and, thereafter, at Temple Emanuel in New York City. She began at Park Avenue Synagogue as a special concert soloist and substitute singer, later to become a permanent member of the quartet, enhancing our Shabbat and Festival services with her magnificent mezzo-soprano renditions.

Besides, during the last six years, she served as the cantorial soloist at Congregation Rodeph Shalom, and has performed at various other synagogues in the area.

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## The 16th Annual Liturgical Music Service April 4 To Feature Sephardic Music

Sounds of the Sephardim will fill our sanctuary on Shabbat morning, April 4th, beginning at 9:00 A.M., for the 16th Annual Sarah and Samuel Shapiro Memorial Liturgical Music Service. Leading the service, Cantor David Lefkowitz will be accompanied by organist Neil Robinson and the Synagogue Concert Choir, under the direction of conductor Abraham Kaplan. Highlights of the service will include selections from Congregation Shearith Israel, New York's famous Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, made possible through the efforts of Cantor Ira Bigeleisen. Also to be included will be new arrangements of traditional Sephardic music being created specifically for this occasion.

The Annual Shabbat Morning Music Service is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. George M. Shapiro. A gala kiddush/reception in honor of the artists, also sponsored by the Shapiros, will follow the service.

## Men's Club Brunch And Acupuncture Demonstration April 5

The Men's Club Brunch, to be held on Sunday, April 5 at 10 A.M., will feature an acupuncture lecture and demonstration by Dr. Helen Cheung Hirsch.

Dr. Hirsch is currently Acupuncturist to the Diplomatic Personnel at the United Nations, and recently was appointed by the Chinese Government as International Advisor on Traditional Chinese Medicine to the entire medical profession throughout China.

In medical practice for 25 years, she has treated heads of government and rich and famous people around the world.

To make your reservations for this interesting program, please call the synagogue office. Admission is free for Men's Club members; \$7 for all other persons.

**Passover Seder  
Hebrew Crash Course  
April 5 & 12  
9:30 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

## Sisterhood Friday Night Service April 10

The Honorable Judith S. Kaye, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals, appointed to the bench for a 14 year term by Governor Mario M. Cuomo, will be Sisterhood's guest speaker at its Friday Night Service at 8 P.M. on April 10th. She will speak on "Women in the Law."

An Oneg Shabbat on the Lower Level will follow the Shabbat service.

## W.E.G. Members-Only Program April 20

On Monday evening, April 20th at 6 P.M., the highly respected Knoedler Gallery, at 19 East 70th Street, will offer a special tour of its gallery exhibits for members of the Women's Evening Group.

The Knoedler Gallery is known as one of the earliest exhibitors and advocates of the works of a vast array of artists as diverse as Winslow Homer, Andrew Wyeth, and Henry Moore, and as contemporary as Robert Rauschenberg, Frank Stella, and Donald Sultan.

Judith Ringer, assistant to the president of the Knoedler, Lawrence Rubin, will lead the tour and discuss the current exhibit. She has an extensive background in the art world, having served as a docent at the Whitney Museum and in the Education Department of the Museum of Modern Art.

W.E.G. members who wish to attend this exciting members-only event should make their reservations through the synagogue office by April 10th. Since attendance will be limited, reservations will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

### Plan To Attend!

Tuesday Evening, April 28  
Park Avenue Synagogue Dinner

honoring

Rabbi David H. Lincoln

on behalf of

The Jewish Theological Seminary  
of America

Cocktails at 6 P.M. Dinner at 7 P.M.

RSVP by April 10  
to Hollis Dorman at the Seminary

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New York, N. Y. 10128

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## From The Rabbi's Desk

This article was written by my father, Captain F. Ashe Lincoln, RNR, about an incident during World War II. It is an interesting piece of history.

## I Was There — Bari, 1943

In October, 1943, I was serving with No. 30 Marine Commando which was at Bari on the Adriatic. Our commando was unique in that it consisted of Royal Marines under the overall command of Naval officers and was used for specific naval tasks and a number of unusual operations. Our particular task at that time was the setting up of a naval base just off the coast of Yugoslavia and the transfer of supplies to guerrilla units operating against the Germans in occupied Yugoslavia. While engaged in these operations, I received information from Tito's Partisan officers that islands in the northern Adriatic which had been occupied by Partisan forces were being gradually retaken by German armies. Furthermore, many thousands of refugees from the violent pro-Nazi Ustachi in Croatia had taken refuge in these islands under the protection of the Partisans who felt, that in the face of superior German attacks, they were unable to afford them continued protection.

I had sent some small part of the Marines to support the Partisans in the islands. But the forces at our disposal were wholly inadequate to withstand Nazi attacks. At a conference with the Partisan leaders, it was decided that the safest course was to evacuate these refugees, who numbered several thousand, from the islands. I had no means of discovering the exact identity of the refugees. But from all indications, it appeared that they must be Jewish refugees. Communication with the islands concerned was difficult. But I was informed one day quite suddenly that the refugees had all been put into some 22 small craft and advised to attempt the crossing of the Adriatic in order to reach the southern Italian ports which were occupied by our forces. German activity in the northern Adriatic was being fully supported by intensive

## Schedule of Religious Services

Friday evening, April 3 . . . . .	6:15 P.M.
Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service & Oneg Shabbat . . . . .	8:30 P.M.
Saturday morning, April 4 . . . . .	9:00 A.M.
16th Annual Liturgical Music Service	
Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Gushin	
daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Steven Gushin	
Friday evening, April 10 . . . . .	8:00 P.M.
Annual Sisterhood Friday Night Service	
Saturday morning, April 11 . . . . .	9:15 A.M.
Havurah Service . . . . .	9:30 A.M.
Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Hirschtritt	
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hirschtritt	
Friday morning, April 17 . . . . .	7:15 A.M.
Siyum for the First Born	
Friday evening, April 17 . . . . .	5:45 P.M.
Erev Passover	
First Congregational Seder	
(by advance reservation only)	
Saturday morning, April 18 . . . . .	9:15 A.M.
First Day of Passover	
Food Pantry Shabbat	
Saturday evening, April 18 . . . . .	5:45 P.M.
Second Congregational Seder	
(by advance reservation only)	
Sunday morning, April 19 . . . . .	9:15 A.M.
Second Day of Passover	
Thursday evening, April 23 . . . . .	5:45 P.M.
Friday morning, April 24 . . . . .	9:15 A.M.
Seventh Day of Passover	
Friday evening, April 24 . . . . .	6:15 P.M.
Saturday morning, April 25 . . . . .	9:00 A.M.
Eighth Day of Passover	
Yizkor Memorial Service	
Bar Mitzvah of John Edelman	
son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Edelman	

Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Rabbi Melissa F. Crespy will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Ira S. Bigeleisen and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting available for children 2 to 5 years of age every Saturday morning from 9:15 A.M. to 12 Noon.

air support and the danger to these small craft was that they might be sunk by aircraft cannon fire unless given some protection on their journey. Immediately, on hearing the steps that the Partisans had taken, I contacted Commander Welman, R.N., who commanded British Naval Coastal Forces in the area. I began to explain to him the peril that faced these refugees and their plight, but he cut me short by saying "you need not explain to me what the Jews are suffering because my wife is Jewish and I know all about it and fully sympathize with you and your people."

He immediately agreed to provide me with a force of six gun boats to set out on patrol in an effort to locate the refugee ships, and, in the meanwhile, we were able to make arrangements with the local companies of the Guards Regiments to prepare accommodations for the refugees when they arrived.

The six gun boats were fully briefed on the

situation and a plan of search was worked out. I found that all the lieutenants commanding the gun boats were most enthusiastic to rescue these refugees and bring them back.

One of the gun boats was under the command of a Jewish lieutenant, David Roamine, R.N.V.R., whose family I had known in London. At the earliest possible moment the gun boats set sail. But, shortly afterwards, I learned the rather alarming news that one fishing boat had been machine-gunned and driven ashore, and the crew, including one of my own officers, had been wounded and captured. This was, in fact, Lt. Cdr. Guy Morgan, who after the became celebrated as the author of the "Albert RN." This boat, as it turned out, was not one of those containing the escaping refugees, although at the time I did not realize that this was the position. However, our gun boats successfully found the refugee ships and es-

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**"Faceless Voices"**

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Sholom's "downstairs" High Holy Day services for four of the six years, and has been the cantorial soloist at Temple Beth Chavairuth in Tenafly, N.J. for both the High Holy Days and Friday Night Services for the past two years.

Joan said that her first real exposure to Jewish liturgical music and the variety in the world of hazzanim came about through Cantor Robert Siegel at the Conservative Temple Israel in Charlotte, N.C. who invited her to sing and record a duet with Hazzan David Kusevitsky.

She also said that she considers Cantor David Lefkowitz to be a real mentor. Encouraged by him, she is studying Hebrew at Hunter College and has taken and plans to take other necessary courses with the goal of becoming a certified cantor.

Up to this point I've discussed only the Jewish side of Joan's career, for which we appreciate her so much. But there is a secular side to her career as well. She is a professional singer of classical music: art songs and Lieder, opera and oratorio. As such, she has performed as a soloist under conductors Leonard Bernstein, Pierre Boulez and Abraham Kaplan, and has appeared many times as a soloist with: the New York Philharmonic; Musica Sacra; the N.Y. Choral Society; the Bach Aria Group; the Amoris Artis Choral; and the Camarata Singers.

In addition, she spent three years as a soloist with N.Y. Pro Musica, a group that performs Renaissance music all over the U.S. and South America.

Moreover, she also has sung with the N.Y. City Opera, and with the National and Turnau Opera Companies, and has made several recordings with the N.Y. Philharmonic, N.Y. Pro Musica, and Musica Sacra. She also teaches voice privately.

On the lighter, less classical side, she appeared in outdoor summer productions while in college, in dinner-theater productions such as "The Sound of Music," in which she played the role of the nun, Mother Abess, and in USO tours to Panama.

She says she would like to continue developing both her Jewish and her secular musical careers.

But, as if her dual career as a classical singer were not lively enough, her career as the mother of three teenagers: one daughter already a freshman in college; another daughter, who is a gifted violinist, on the road to college this coming fall; and her youngest, a son, 15, who is asserting his independence with a more modern taste in music, is certainly enough to keep her challenged.

We want her to know that we appreciate her singing and we wish her continuing success in all her endeavors.

**REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM!**

**From The Rabbi's Desk**

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corted them to safety in Bari Harbor, where the passengers were taken ashore and carefully nursed and accommodated. Many of them required immediate medical attention, which the British Forces provided.

As a postscript to this incident, I was able, on my return to England at the end of November, to call the attention of the World Jewish Congress and the American Joint Distribution Committee to the plight of these refugees and immediate relief measures were put into effect.

Presentations were made to the British Government, who granted entry visas for the whole party to Palestine, and, ultimately, all the refugees found a home there. Years later, in 1948, when I was forming the Israel Navy at the time of the creation of the State of Israel, I was one day accosted by a young Haganah officer who said he remembered me from Bari because he had been one of the children among the refugees.

—Rabbi David H. Lincoln

**Annual Passover Wine Sale**

As a service to the congregation, the Women's Evening Group is again making available a competitively priced selection of kosher kiddush and fine table wines from Israel, Europe, and California for your personal use and gift-giving.

All orders must be received by FRIDAY, APRIL 10th since the first seder falls on Friday, April 17th. Orders over \$25 will be delivered free of charge to your home in time for Passover. As an additional bonus, a purchase of \$50 or more or a donation of \$10 will entitle you to a chance to win a gift basket of wines. Your completed form should be returned in the envelope provided along with your check, made payable to WEG-Park Avenue Synagogue.

Proceeds of the Wine Sale will be donated to Project Ezra for the purchase and distribution of Passover food to poor Jews on the Lower East Side and to our Food Pantry and The Committee For The Homeless and Community Outreach for the daily needs they provide for the community.

For more information, additional order forms, or special orders, please call the synagogue office during the day (369-2600). In the evening, please call either Evelyn Gelman (369-0580) or Beth Tannenbaum (734-7343).

Wine buffs and critics all agree that over the past several years kosher wines have reached perfection and compete favorably with non-kosher wines in every category. This is your opportunity to see what they are talking about! In addition, during the pre-holiday period, you will have an opportunity to try some of the wines at the synagogue's Shabbat morning kiddushim.

**"Passover Seder Literacy"****Hebrew Crash Course****Sundays, April 5 & 12****9:30 A.M. – 2 P.M.**

Participate in reading the Haggadah in Hebrew! Results guaranteed by master teacher, Mrs. Vivian Finkel.

**Food Pantry Project  
To Be Honored  
At Shabbat Service**

The Park Avenue Synagogue will honor the Food Pantry Project again, during the Shabbat and Passover services on Saturday, April 18, for the outstanding service it has rendered the poor and hungry in our neighborhood.

The high school students in the Mazer School of Religious Studies see the Food Pantry Shabbat as an opportunity to continue and strengthen the bond between the Food Pantry Project and the congregation that supports it financially.

Students will read from the Torah and Haftorah and speak to the congregation about their project.

Let's show our support for the wonderful work being done by our high school students by coming to Shabbat and Passover services on Saturday morning, April 18th.

**Couples Club Bagels & Lox  
Brunch  
Sunday, April 26  
11 A.M. to 1 P.M.**

All members of the congregation are invited to this after Passover special event. There will be bagels and lox, camaraderie, and special entertainment for the children.

Make your reservations by April 20th through the synagogue office. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$6 per child.

**Men's Club Yom Hashoah  
Candle Project**

Within the next few weeks, the Men's Club will be sending all members of the congregation a special yellow yahrzeit candle and prayer in the mail so that everyone will be able to light the candle and recite the prayer on Wednesday evening, April 29th, erev Yom Hashoah, in memory of the six million Jews who perished during the Holocaust.

**Teach-In On The Middle East**

The high school of the Park Avenue Synagogue will be sponsoring the second annual "Teach-In on the Middle East" on Sunday, May 3rd from 4 to 7 P.M. It will be followed by an Israeli buffet dinner. Let's celebrate Israel's Independence Day by learning more about her!

**Women's Evening Group  
Theater Party  
Thursday Evening, April 19  
"Death and the Maiden"**

This new three-character play starring Glenn Close, Richard Dreyfuss, and Gene Hackman, and directed by Mike Nichols, is a nail-bitingly tense political thriller by the Chilean playwright Ariel Dorfman. The play tells of a woman who was tortured 15 years ago during a repressive dictatorship, but has since married a liberal lawyer. How she plots revenge on her attacker is a thriller in the best traditions of "Sleuth" and "Deathtrap," but underlaid with political and social arguments which give immense ethical power to this revenge drama.

The cost is \$65 per ticket, made payable to Women's Evening Group, Park Avenue Synagogue. Send along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10128 Attn: WEG

**Notes From The Edmond de Rothschild Library**

Please come and see our two extensive exhibits: first, of books on Passover, and second, of books on the Holocaust, in commemoration of Yom Hashoah. All books are available for circulation, and we trust you will take advantage of browsing and borrowing from a truly magnificent collection. The Passover exhibit will be shown from March 16 through April 13 and the Yom Hashoah exhibit will be on display from April 27 through May 21.

**New Books:**

Auris, M.: *Time's Arrow*

Berkow, I.: *Hank Greenberg - Hall of Fame Slugger* (Juvenile)

Gantz, D.: *Davey's Hanukkah Golem* (Juvenile)

Gruber, R.: *Ahead of Time: My Early Years As A Foreign Correspondent*

Kemelman, H.: *The Day the Rabbi Resigned*

Millu, L.: *Smoke Over Birkenau*

Peli, P.H.: *The Jewish Sabbath*

Piercy, M.: *He, She and It*

Schwartz, H.: *The Diamond Tree — Jewish Tales From Around the World*

Spiegelman, A.: *Maus I & II: A Survivor's Tale*

The library will be closed on the following dates in April: Wednesday, April 15 through Sunday, April 26. We will reopen on Monday, April 27.

—Susan Vogelstein, Librarian

**Women's Evening Group  
Theater Party  
Thursday Evening, May 7  
"Crazy For You"**

Join us for the Gershwin revival which received such rave reviews. The cost will be \$75 per ticket, made payable to Women's Evening Group, Park Avenue Synagogue. Send along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10128 Attn: WEG

**April Happenings In The Religious School**

**Elementary School:**

- On Saturday, April 11, the Gimel grade will have its fourth Parent-Student "Together" Program from 9 to 11 A.M. in Room 308.
- The school's Sedarim will be held from Thursday, April 9 to Tuesday, April 14. Each class will have a "Study Seder" in which students will have a chance to read the Hagadah and practice the Seder's procedure.
- Pesah vacation is Wednesday, April 15 through Sunday, April 26. Classes resume on Monday, April 27.
- On Thursday, April 30th, the students of our school will observe Yom Hashoah. Programs will be conducted by class level.

**High School:**

- From Friday, April 3 to Saturday, April 4, the high school students will have a retreat at Camp Epworth in New Palz, N.Y. The retreat brings students together and gives them a sense of close community. This is an opportunity to pray, think, discuss, and play together.
- On Wednesday, April 8, the high school students will visit the Jewish Museum. They will have a docent-led tour of the exhibition "Bridges and Boundaries: African Americans and American Jews." A follow-up to the exhibition will be held on Wednesday, April 29th at 4:30 P.M. when a 15 minute student-made video, inspired by the exhibition at the Museum, will further explore the relationship between Blacks and Jews. A discussion and dinner will follow the presentation.

**Early Childhood Center  
Nursery School Applications**

Member families who would like to apply to the Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center for the 1993-94 school year are asked to call the school and request an application form between May 1st and June 15th, 1992 (after that date the school will be closed until mid-August).

All children who will be two years and four months by September 1, 1993 are eligible for school that September. The Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center adheres strictly to its cut-off dates. Families who have been long time members of the synagogue are given priority. However, priority does not always guarantee acceptance because of the need to balance groups in a variety of ways.

There is an application fee of \$40.00 per child. The application process includes a required visit and tour of the school by one or both parents, and a play session/interview for the child.

For the September, 1992 school year there were approximately 50 openings. Applications were accepted from over 70 member families. We would have liked to have been able to accept everyone who applied.

It will be very helpful to have some idea in advance of September, 1992 how many eligible

member families are interested in a place for 1993-94. This will enable us to determine approximately how many applications from new members or non-member families we will be able to accept. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Shabbaton In Commemoration  
Of Sephardic Jewry  
May 15-17**  
with Scholar-In-Residence  
**Dr. Pinchas Toledano**

- Friday evening, May 15 — How Did It Happen? Abravanel and the Expulsion From Spain
- Saturday afternoon, May 16 — Medical Ethics in the Light of Maimonides
- Sunday, May 17 — A Sephardic Fair celebrating the cuisine and culture of the Sephardim.

**Condolences**

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families. To:

Mrs. Susan Amster, upon the death of her father, Ezra Denerstein.

Mr. Stephan Blank, upon the death of his father, Leo Blank.

Dr. Sylvia Friedman, upon the death of her husband, Harold Friedman.

Hon. Lewis Friedman, upon the death of his father, Harold Friedman.

Mr. Irving Friedman, upon the death of his brother, Harold Friedman.

Mrs. Sadie Kornblau, upon the death of her husband, Irving Kornblau.

The family of the late Bebe Levey.

Mr. Jeffrey Loria, upon the death of his father, Walter Loria.

**We Take Pride In**

**Susan B. Blumstein**, who has been promoted to Assistant Vice President for Development for The Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

**Melissa Katz**, who conceived of and coordinated "One For The Kids ... Two Nights For Tomorrow," a fund-raising and awareness-raising weekend to benefit the Program for Children with AIDS at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center.

**Albert Sussman**, who was honored as the 1992 Maimonides Man of the Year by the Maimonides Research Institute at its National Awards Dinner, Sunday, March 22nd at the Plaza Hotel, New York City.

**Danielle Upbin**, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Hal Upbin, who recently starred in an ABC TV program entitled "An Oasis in Time" produced by The Jewish Theological Seminary. The program explained how religious Jews in New York City worship the Sabbath. Danielle, 17, the youngest in the program, was Bat Mitzvah here and will be graduating from Ramaz this year.

# IN CELEBRATION OF PASSOVER

## Funds For Ma'ot Hittin

It is an ancient tradition among our people to help our less fortunate fellow Jews celebrate Passover by contributing funds for Ma'ot Hittin, literally "money for wheat," the wheat used to make matzah.

If you wish to do so, please send your contribution to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund and designate it for the Passover Fund.

## Project Dorot

We are invited to assist Project Dorot reach out to elderly poor living on the Upper West Side by delivering Passover packages to them.

There are several things we can do to help. We can purchase and/or collect Kosher for Passover foods and deliver them to the offices of Project Dorot. We can volunteer to help deliver Passover packages to elderly persons. For more information or to volunteer, please call Project Dorot at 769-2850.

## Project Ezra

Our high school students will be assisting Project Ezra deliver Kosher for Passover food packages to the elderly members of Project Ezra on Sunday, April 12th from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Volunteer adults with cars are needed to drive the high school students around the Lower East Side. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call Misha Avramoff at Project Ezra at 982-4124 between 11 A.M. and 3 P.M.

## In the Synagogue

### Kosher for Passover Candy and Wine Sales

As a convenience for the congregation, the Parents' Association and the Women's Evening Group are selling two niceties for Passover: Kosher Passover candy and wine.

If you wish to buy Kosher for Passover candy, please call the school office through the synagogue. If you wish to buy kosher for Passover wine, watch for the order form which you will be receiving in the mail, fill it out along with your check made out to the Women's Evening Group, Park Avenue Synagogue, and return it to the synagogue office in care of the Women's Evening Group.

## The Park Avenue Judaica Shop

The Judaica shop in the Lobby of the Park Avenue Synagogue will showcase a special collection for Passover of seder plates, cups, hagadot, and all of the items needed to make your seder traditional and beautiful. Also available are moderately-priced Bar and Bat Mitzvah and wedding and anniversary gifts. New merchandise arrives daily. For additional information or special requests, please call 410-4440 or come in and browse. See the calendar on pg.7 for the Judaica shop's schedule of hours.

## Selling Hametz

Members of the congregation who wish to "sell their hametz" through the offices of Rabbi Lincoln may do so by calling his secretary during business hours at 369-2600. Offerings may be made to the Park Avenue Synagogue Welfare Fund.

The Food Pantry suggests that when you physically rid your home of hametz, you donate the food to the Food Pantry for distribution to the hungry poor in our neighborhood. You will be performing a double mitzvah by bringing your hametz to the synagogue for this purpose.

## Service For The First Born

On Friday morning, April 17th at the 7:15 A.M. service, Rabbi Lincoln will conduct a siyum for the first born.

## Congregational Sedarim

A traditional seder will take place at the synagogue on the first and second nights of Passover, Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th at 6:30 P.M. following the evening service which begins at 5:45 P.M.

The first seder will be conducted by Rabbi Melissa Crespy and Cantor Ira

Bigeleisen with Neil Robinson at the piano. The second seder will be conducted by Rabbi David H. Lincoln and Cantor David Lefkowitz and the Synagogue Choir accompanied by Neil Robinson at the piano.

## Celebrations in the Mazer School of Religious Studies

Model seders will take place from Thursday, April 9th through Tuesday, April 14th.

## Passover Dietary Laws

### Prohibited Foods

Prohibited Foods include: leavened bread, cakes, biscuits, crackers, cereal, coffee with cereal derivatives in them, wheat, barley, oats, spelt, rye, and all liquids containing ingredients or flavors made from grain alcohol. In addition, most Ashkenazic authorities have added the following foods to the above list: rice, corn, millet, legumes (beans, peas, peanuts; but string beans are permitted). Some Ashkenazic authorities permit, while others forbid the use of legumes in a form other than its natural state, for example, corn sweeteners, corn oil, soy oil, peanut oil. Sephardic authorities permit the use of all of the above. Consult Rabbi Lincoln for guidance in the use of these products.

### Permitted Foods

A. The following foods require no kosher lePesah label if purchased prior to Pesah: unopened packages or containers of natural coffee (without cereal additives), sugar, pure tea, salt, pepper, natural spices, fruit juices with no additives (frozen, canned, or bottled), frozen (uncooked) vegetables (for legumes, see above), milk, butter, cottage cheese, cream cheese, tuna in water (no oil added), frozen (uncooked) fruit (with no additives), baking soda.

B. The following foods require no kosher lePesah label if purchased either before or during Pesah: fresh fruits and vegetables (except for legumes above), eggs, fresh fish and fresh meat.

C. The following foods require a kosher lePesah label if purchased either before or during Pesah: All baked products (matzah, cakes, matzah flour, farfel, matzah meal, and any products containing matzah), wine, vinegar, liquor, oils, dried fruits, candy, chocolate flavored milk, ice cream, yogurt, and soda.

D. The following foods require a kosher lePesah label if purchased during Pesah: Processed foods (canned, frozen, or bottled): milk, butter, juices, vegetables, fruit, milk products, spices, coffee, tea, and fish, as well as all foods listed in category C.

**Detergents:** If permitted during the year, powdered and liquid detergents do not require a kosher lePesah label.

**Medicine:** Since hametz binders are used in many pills, the following guidelines should be followed: If the medicine is required for life sustaining therapy, it may be used during Pesah. If it is not for life sustaining therapy, some authorities permit, while others prohibit. Consult Rabbi Lincoln. In all cases, capsules are preferable.

## Kashering of Utensils

The process of kashering utensils depends on how the utensils are used. According to halakhah, leaven can be purged from a utensil by the same process in which it was absorbed in the utensil. Therefore, utensils used in cooking are kashered by boiling, those used in broiling are kashered by fire and heat, and those used only for cold food are kashered by rinsing.

A. Earthenware (china, pottery, etc.) may not be kashered. But fine translucent chinaware which has not been used for over a year may be used if scoured and cleaned in hot water.

B. Metal (wholly made of metal) used in fire (spit, broiler) must first be thoroughly scrubbed and cleansed and then made as hot as possible. Those used for cooking and eating (silverware, pots) must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned and completely immersed in boiling water. Pots should have water boiled in them which will overflow the rim. The

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utensils should not be used for a period of at least 24 hours between the cleaning and the immersion in boiling water. Metal baking utensils cannot be kashered.

C. Oven and Ranges: Every part that comes in contact with food must be thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned. Then, oven and range should be heated as hot as possible for a half hour. If there is a broil setting, use it. Self cleaning ovens should be scrubbed and cleaned and then put through the self-cleaning cycle. Continuous cleaning ovens must be kashered in the same manner as regular ovens. Microwave ovens, which do not cook the food by means of heat, should be cleaned and then a cup of water should be placed in it. Then the oven should be turned on until the water disappears. A microwave oven that has a browning element cannot be kashered.

D. Glassware: Authorities disagree as to the method for kashering drinking utensils. One opinion requires soaking in water for three days, changing the water every 24 hours, while the other opinion requires only a thorough scrubbing before Pesah or putting it through a dishwasher.

E. Dishwasher: After not using the machine for a period of 24 hours, a full cycle with detergent should be run.

F. Electrical Appliances: If the parts that come into contact with hametz are removable, they can be kashered in the appropriate way (if metal, follow the rules for metal utensils). If the parts are not removable, the appliance cannot be kashered. (All exposed parts should be thoroughly cleaned.)

G. Tables, closets, and counters: If used with hametz, they should be thoroughly cleaned and covered, and then they may be used.

H. Kitchen sink: A metal sink can be kashered by a thorough cleaning and by pouring boiling water over it. A porcelain sink should be cleaned and a sink rack used. If, however, dishes are to be soaked in a porcelain sink, a dish basin must be used.

I. Hametz and non-Passover utensils: Non-Passover dishes, pots and hametz whose ownership has been transferred, should be separated, locked up or covered, and marked so as to prevent accidental use.

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### Committee Changes Name To Reflect Its Mission

The Committee For The Homeless is changing its name to better reflect what it does.

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Upon investigation, the Committee began several programs in cooperation with Women In Need, the Metropolitan New York Coordinating Council on Jewish Poverty, Project Provide, and the Interfaith Assembly on Homelessness and Housing.

With the recent influx of Soviet emigres into our city, the Committee established a Job Bank at Park Avenue Synagogue and has held various clothing drives. As it is made aware of other needs, the Committee will respond and again will ask for the cooperation and help of the congregation.

For these reasons, the Committee has changed its name to "The Committee For The Homeless and Community Outreach" or *Tikkun Olam*, which in Hebrew means "repairing the world."

To learn more about the Committee, its work, and how you can help, please call either Carol Antler at 861-7181 or Joann Rosoff at 348-4531.

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5  10 A.M. Men's Club Brunch  9:30 A.M. Hebrew Crash Course	6  1 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II  7:30 P.M. W.E.G. Board Meeting	7  12 Noon Sisterhood Board Meeting <hr/> 1 P.M. Retirees Group <hr/> 6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew <hr/> 7:30 P.M. Introduction to Judaism Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	<b>8</b> 6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class <hr/> 7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I Club Melamed <hr/> 8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>9</b> 1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew <hr/> 8 P.M. W.E.G. Theater Party	<b>10</b> 8 P.M. Sisterhood Friday Night Service <hr/> Light Candles 6:10 P.M.	<b>11</b> 9:15 A.M. Shabbat Service <hr/> 9:30 A.M. Havurah Service <hr/> Bat Mitzvah of Stephanie Hirschtritt <hr/> 6 P.M. Afternoon & Evening Services & Study
12  9:30 A.M. Hebrew Crash Course	<b>13</b>  1 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II  8 P.M. Couples Club Board Meeting	<b>14</b> 1 P.M. Retirees Group <hr/> 6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew <hr/> 7:30 P.M. Introduction to Judaism Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class <hr/> 8 P.M. Men's Club Board Meeting	<b>15</b> 6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class <hr/> 7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I <hr/> 8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>16</b> Nursery School Model Seder <hr/> 1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew	<b>17</b> 7:15 A.M. Siyum for the First Born <hr/> 5:45 P.M. Service Erev Passover <hr/> First Congregational Seder <hr/> Light Candles 6:21 P.M.	<b>18</b> 9:15 A.M. Service First Day of Passover Food Pantry Shabbat <hr/> 5:45 P.M. Service <hr/> Second Congregational Seder <hr/> Light Candles 7:23 P.M.
19  9:15 A.M. Service Second Day of Passover	<b>20</b>  1 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II  6 P.M. W.E.G. Members-Only Program	<b>21</b> 1 P.M. Retirees Group <hr/> 6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew <hr/> 7:30 P.M. Introduction to Judaism Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class	<b>22</b> 6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class <hr/> 7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I <hr/> 8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>23</b> 1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew <hr/> 5:45 P.M. Service Passover <hr/> Light Candles 6:24 P.M.	<b>24</b> 9:15 A.M. Service 7th Day of Passover <hr/> 6:15 P.M. Service <hr/> Light Candles 6:25 P.M.	9:00 A.M. Service <hr/> Yizkor Memorial Service <hr/> Bar Mitzvah of John Edelman <hr/> 8th Day of Passover
26  11 A.M. Couples Club Bagels & Lox Brunch	<b>27</b>  1 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew II	<b>28</b> 1 P.M. Retirees Group <hr/> 6:30 P.M. Beginner's Hebrew <hr/> 7:30 P.M. Introduction to Judaism Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class <hr/> 6 P.M. Seminary Dinner	<b>29</b> 6:15 P.M. Adult Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class <hr/> 7:15 P.M. Intermediate Hebrew I <hr/> 8 P.M. Talmud Course	<b>30</b> 1 P.M. Advanced Hebrew <hr/> Yom Hashoah	<b>REMEMBER THE DAILY MINYANIM</b> Monday - Friday at 7:15 A.M. Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9 A.M. Sunday - Thursday at 5:45 P.M. Saturday at 6 P.M.	

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